



St Francis Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents

It's hard to believe that we are almost at the end of January and quite soon we will be marking the beginning of the Lenten season – I look forward to seeing you all at the Ash Wednesday Mass on 10th February. Next week is Diversity Week and the children will be experiencing many different activities to celebrate our diverse community and diversity across the globe. We have a talk from a Paralympian coach, Hungarian dance, Irish music and Spanish storytelling to name but a few. In celebrating all forms of diversity we are helping the children to: understand that everyone is different and that we are all special in unique ways; identify what is unique about ourselves as individuals; appreciate that difference is a positive thing; understand that difference is part of living in a diverse world and deepen their knowledge and understanding of identity, diversity, equality and community. Please support us by talking to your children about the activities they are taking part in throughout the week and by joining us on Friday afternoon at a special assembly to celebrate the children's work. **Also on Friday we are asking the children to dress up in traditional costume or home clothes and make a donation to the Gurkha Welfare Trust which is the charity supported by Tom Middleton, our visiting Paralympian coach.**

Courtesy Cup

EYFS: Imogen Lee and Lily Steel

Year 1: Joseph Arda and Eva Mae Oredein

Year 2: Esther Sonquit and Isaiah Mujuni

Year 3: Austin Binu and Luke Jestin

Year 4: Reina Kurian and Daniella Yung-Hoi

Year 5: Alicia Crisp and Joshua Furigay

Year 6: Chelsea Cordez and Isadora Watson



Attendance Ted



Attendance Ted goes to class St Luke with 99.3 % attendance. Our whole school attendance was 94.7 %.



Punctuality Pup

Punctuality Pup goes to class St Peter with 0.0% lates. Our whole school lates were 1.2%.



Please remember to slow down when you are driving onto and around the school site.

When waiting to collect children, please remember to switch off your engine.



Buster's Reading Club

During the term the reading figures from each class will go forward to a district challenge with great prizes available to the school that comes top. Next week, members of the class that record the most readers will each receive some ice skating tickets.



Please note lost property will be displayed for parents during the early part of next week - if items are left after Wednesday, they will be donated to charity.

Please remember that the school is not open until 8:45am and children should not be left before this time as there is no one to supervise them. We have had incidents of unsupervised children running around and accidentally hurting themselves or others. Please make sure you supervise your children until the school gate opens at 8:45am.

Diary Dates

Friday 29th January – Traditional and Home Clothes Day – children can dress up in traditional costume or home clothes and donate money to the Gurkha Welfare Trust

Friday 29th January – Diversity Celebration Assembly – 1:30pm School Hall – All parents welcome

Golden Ties: Lucy Gray, Elizabeth Allen, Harry Cardwell, Julia Matysek, Alvin John, Harry Roberts, Katie Walker, Alex Tzanakakis, Alice Seal, Andre Nkanta, Emilia Samuels, Srinika Muttineni, Imogen Baby, Francis Dalisay, Sophia Nguyen, Summer Rose, Finley Davies, Jan Wolek, Elsie Crisp, Angela Santhosh, Sofia Judd, Ayesha Shaikh, Jack Shepherd, Bethan Davies, Noah Spice, Davis Lalichan, Class MH, Harley Williams, Philipose George, Ruby Carter, Keira Hastings, Arpitha Binu, Paddy Cooper-Hayden, Olivia Munn, Kent Cordez, Jarema Gatkowski, Salma Toghzaoui, Tim Thomas, Isadora Watson, Madison Eldergill, Gabriella O'Reilly and Gilmore Carino

Bring and Buy Sale Friday 5th February

On Friday 5th February we will be holding our annual Bring and Buy sale. The proceeds will be added to our major fundraising project – supporting a health centre through Cafod. We would like donations of children's toys (unbroken and complete), games and books (in reasonable condition) to help support this very worthy cause.

Please send any donations to school on **Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th February** in order for the children in Year 6, who are coordinating the event, to organise and price the items provided. On Friday we ask that the children bring in their money to buy things in an envelope marked with their name and class. Items on sale will range from 10p up to £2.00. The children should bring in no more than £5 each. The sale will take place in the afternoon from 1.30pm. As well as the usual stalls Year 6 are planning some additional activities and further details will be sent home soon.

Election of Parent Governor

Please ensure you follow the instructions in the letter correctly or your ballot will be invalid and will not be counted.

We praise You, God, for the diversity we see all around us. We rejoice in the complex beauty of your creation. Help us to celebrate the wonderful blend of cultures and peoples in this world by actively seeking solidarity with one another. Amen.